

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): Device for unlocking a compartment of an opening mechanism, in particular, a thermal printing mechanism, ~~consisting of~~ comprising a chassis, the compartment being designed to receive a paper roll, and being closed by a cover, wherein a lever is mounted to rotate on the cover and ~~consists of~~ comprises a maneuvering part, whereby the lever ~~consists of~~ comprises stops able to act together with the sides of the chassis in order to cause the rotation of the cover relative to the chassis when the lever is rotated relative to the cover.

2. (Previously presented): Device for unlocking according to claim 1, wherein the maneuvering part of the lever is accommodated in an opening of the cover.

3. (Currently amended): Device for unlocking according to claim 2, wherein the opening is formed on the median part of it's a main side of the cover, and ~~in that~~ receptacles are formed on the portions that extend perpendicularly to the main side of the cover.

4. (Currently amended): Device for unlocking according to claim 3, wherein the receptacles are formed between (i) openings ~~designed to act together with the pins united with the chassis and~~ allowing the cover to rotate relative to the chassis and ~~with~~ (ii) slots designed to receive the ends of the axle of a support and drive roller for paper delivered from the paper roll.

5. (Currently amended): Device for unlocking according to claim ~~4~~ 3, wherein the ~~lever~~ ~~consists of~~ a maneuvering part, ~~having~~ of the lever has a shape that is approximately complementary to that of the opening of the cover, and ~~in that it~~ wherein the lever is equipped with extensions carrying at their free ends, rotating ~~axes~~ axles intended to come to engage in the

receptacles formed in the cover, and stops intended to act together with the sides of the chassis.

6. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 1, wherein the stops come to be supported on the sides of the chassis when a user exerts a force on the maneuvering part of the lever.

7. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 1, wherein the force exerted by a user on the maneuvering part of the lever is transmitted by the stops to the sides of the chassis.

8. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 7, wherein this force is reduced by a ratio between a lever arm between the end of the maneuvering part and a rotation axis of the lever and a lever arm between the rotation axis of the lever and the stops.

9. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 8, wherein this ratio is at least three.

10. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 8, wherein this ratio is greater than ten.

11. (New): Device for unlocking according to claim 1, wherein the lever rotates freely with respect to the cover.